



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**EXTENSION OF DEADLINES FOR COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS  
ON INTERPRETATION OF THE TERMS “MULTICHANNEL VIDEO  
PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTOR” AND “CHANNEL” AS RAISED  
IN PENDING PROGRAM ACCESS COMPLAINT PROCEEDING**

**MB Docket No. 12-83**

**Extended Comment Deadline: May 14, 2012**  
**Extended Reply Comment Deadline: June 13, 2012**

1. By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau extends the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding. On March 30, 2012, the Media Bureau released a Public Notice seeking comment on the interpretation of the terms “multichannel video programming distributor” and “channel.”<sup>1</sup> The March 30 Public Notice established a comment deadline of April 30, 2012 and a reply comment deadline of May 30, 2012. On April 13, 2012, the National Association of Broadcasters (“NAB”) requested a 30-day extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines, due to the complex issues raised by the March 30 Public Notice, and because of many concerned parties’ attendance at the 2012 NAB Show in Las Vegas, NV in April.<sup>2</sup> We grant NAB’s request in part.

2. As set forth in Section 1.46(a) of the Commission’s Rules,<sup>3</sup> the Commission’s policy is that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted. Given the importance of the issues in this proceeding and in the interest of enabling interested parties to file comments, however, we believe that granting NAB’s request in part is necessary to facilitate the development of a full record. Due to a desire to conduct a prompt review of the record, we find that the requested 30-day extension is excessive, and instead we grant a 14-day extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines.

3. For additional information on this proceeding, contact David Konczal, [David.Konczal@fcc.gov](mailto:David.Konczal@fcc.gov), or Diana Sokolow, [Diana.Sokolow@fcc.gov](mailto:Diana.Sokolow@fcc.gov), of the Media Bureau, Policy Division, (202) 418-2120. Press contact: Janice Wise, (202) 418-8165.

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<sup>1</sup> *Media Bureau Seeks Comment on Interpretation of the Terms “Multichannel Video Programming Distributor” and “Channel” as Raised in Pending Program Access Complaint Proceeding*, Public Notice, MB Docket No. 12-83, DA 12-507 (Mar. 30, 2012) (“March 30 Public Notice”).

<sup>2</sup> Motion for Extension of Time of the National Association of Broadcasters, MB Docket No. 12-83 (filed Apr. 13, 2012).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.